

# Choosing Books

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## Pre-Talkers 0 – 2 years old

- Choose sturdy board books that your baby can play with and hold
- Choose books with colorful, simple illustrations – less detail
- Choose books with illustrations that have sharp contrasts – black and white
- Choose books with photographs of real babies
- Choose books with pictures of familiar objects
- Choose books with simple stories
- Choose books with only a few words per page

## Talkers 2 – 3 years old

- Choose books with simple stories
- Choose books with colorful and interesting illustrations
- Choose books with pictures of familiar items – talk about them with your child
- Choose picture books with predictable stories and repeating words and phrases
- Choose picture books about familiar activities – talk with your child about how he/she does these things, too
- Choose books with favorite characters and subjects

## Pre-Readers 3 – 5 years old

- Choose books that reflect the interests of your child
- Allow your child to choose some of the books you will read together
- Choose books with rhyming words, tongue twisters, alliteration and silly songs
- Choose wordless picture books and let your child tell the story